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SUBJ: STUDENT PROTESTS CONTINUE

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1. UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA CAMPUS WAS CLOSED BY POLICE AFTERNOON DEC. 4 AS STUDENTS CONTINUED PROTESTS OVER ECONOMIC ISSUES (REFTEL). SEVERAL ROCK-THROWING INCIDENTS REPORTED IN UNIVERSITY VICINITY, BUT DOWNTOWN KL APPARENTLY HAS BEEN CLEAR OF PROTESTS.

2. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, POLICE DETAINED 1,169 STUDENTS IN DEC. 3 DEMOS, WHICH INCLUDED PROTESTS BY UNIV. SCIENCE STUDENTS IN PENANG AND UNKU OMAR POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS IN IPOH. IPOH DEMO REPORTEDLY WAS PEACEFUL, BUT IN PENANG STUDENTS WERE FORCIBLY PREVENTED FROM ENTERING DOWNTOWN AREA. 1,128 STUDENTS, INCLUDING 77 GIRLS, WERE ARRESTED IN KL AND WERE TO HAVE BEEN

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ARRAIGNED TODAY ON CHARGES OF DEMONSTRATING WITHOUT PERMIT AND

DISORDERLY CONDUCT. WE UNDERSTAND AT LEAST SOME STUDENTS WILL
INSIST ON PUBLIC TRIALS. NATIONAL MOSQUE AND SOME GOVT PROPERTY
WERE DAMAGED IN YESTERDAY'S DEMO.

3. A PRESS SOURCE REPORTS THAT ARRESTED STUDENTS ATTEMPTED
BREAK OUT OF MAIN DETENTION CENTER IN ORDER TO LINK UP IN AREA
OF DOWNTOWN KL POPULATED BY MALAYS WITH STUDENTS FROM CAM-
PUSES IN SUBURBAN PETALING JAYA. POLICE THUS FAR HAVE FRUS-
TRATED THESE EFFORTS BY FORCE AND USE OF TEAR GAS. ONE LOCAL
USIS EMPLOYEE WITH GOOD STUDENT CONTACTS HAS HEARD THAT OBJEC-
TIVE OF RADICAL STUDENT GROUPS, LED BY UNIV. RALAYA SOCIALIST
CLUB, IS TO FORCE GOVT. TO CLOSE DOWN ALL COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

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